



**Governor's Renewable Energy Policy Conference**  
***Siting and Permitting Large-Scale Projects in the California Desert and Beyond***  
*March 24, 2010 - UC Riverside, Highlander Union Building (HUB)*  
*Emcee: Jim Abbott, Acting State Director, U.S. Bureau of Land Management*

**8:30 AM:** **Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 AM:** **Welcome & Opening Remarks:**  
Timothy P. White, Chancellor, UC Riverside  
Lester Snow, Secretary of Resources, California  
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (T)  
Supervisor Michael Rubio, Kern County  
Linda Otero, Council Member AhaMakav Cultural Society, Fort Mohave Indian Tribe

**10:00 to 10:30 AM:** **Panel Discussion: *Why large scale renewables? Why in the desert?***  
Moderator: V. John White, Executive Director, CEERT; Panelists: Carl Zichella, Regional Staff Director, Sierra Club; Rainer Aringhoff, Founding President, Solar Millennium and Managing Director of Desert Tech

**10:45 to 12:15 PM:** **Breakout Sessions**

Group 1:  
Room 355 ***Landscape of the desert: How to balance conflicting environmental goals?***  
Moderator: Kevin Sweeney, Resources Legacy Fund. Panelists: Ron Goldman, Riverside County Planning Director; Kim Delfino, California Program Director, Defenders of Wildlife; Shannon Eddy, Executive Director, Large Solar Association; Laura Crane, Nature Conservancy; Michael Allen, Professor & Chair, Plant Pathology & Microbiology, UC Riverside

Group 2:  
Room 269 ***Prosperity & Opportunity: How will these projects affect my community?***  
Moderator: Peter Weiner, Attorney, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker. Panelists: John Means, CCCAOE Central Regional Vice-President, Kern Community College District; Darren Bouton, First Solar; Brad Mitzelfelt, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors; Richard Sierra, Business Manager, Laborers International Union of North America, Local 783

Group 3:  
Room 302 ***Planning for the Future: How do we ensure projects are built quickly and in the right places?*** Moderator: Rich Ferguson, RETI. Panelists: Arthur Haubenstock, Birghtsource; Jim Avery, California Transmission Planning Group; Johanna Wald, NRDC; Nancy Ryan, Commissioner, PUC; Tom Pogacnik, Deputy State Director of Resources, BLM; Anthony Eggert, Commissioner, CEC

**12:30 to 1:30 PM:** **Lunch:** Speaker Assemblymember Manuel Perez

**1:45 to 2:15 PM:** **Partnering for Orderly & Sustainable Development in the Desert: *An overview of existing state and federal relationships.***  
Michael Picker, CA Governor's Office & Steve Black, Department of Interior

**2:15 to 3:30 PM:** **Reports from Breakout Sessions:** CEC Commissioner Robert Weisenmiller

**3:30 to 4:00 PM:** **Planning for Future Development of the Desert Region: *Overview of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Process.***  
Bob Copper, Director, DRECP

**4:00 to 4:30 PM:** **Closing Remarks**